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MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-ninth Annual Session

OF THE

McDowell-Burke Missionary Baptist Association

Held with the St. John Baptist Church, Uree, N. C., beginning Thursday, August 25, 1932, 10.30 A. M., ending Sunday, August 28, 1932, 10:30 P. M.

Rev. J. L. McClure.....Pastor
Rev. C. R. Robinson.....Moderator
Wm. Rex Freeman.....Secretary

The next annual session shall be held with the Rock Springs Baptist church, Mooresboro, N. C., Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1933.

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Officers

Moderator—Rev. C. R. Robinson.....Marion, N. C.
Vice-Moderator—Rev. W. M. Brown.....Marion, N. C.
Secretary—Bro. Wm. Rex Freeman.....Uree, N. C.
Cor. Secretary—Sister Gertrude Boyce....Old Fort, N. C.
Treasurer—Bro. J. H. Borders.....Marion, N. C.
Missionary—Rev. J. W. Walker.....Marion, N. C.
Historian—Bro. G. W. Freeman.....Uree, N. C.
Auditor—Bro. G. W. T. Dorsey.....Old Fort, N. C.

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Rev. D. W. Rutherford
Bro. G. W. T. Dorsey
Bro. G. W. Freeman
Rev. G. M. Fuller

PASTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Rev. J. L. McClure.....Tryon, N. C.
Rev. J. S. Richie.....Canton, N. C.
Rev. C. R. Robinson.....Marion, N. C.
Rev. G. M. Fuller.....Mooresboro, N. C.
Rev. J. H. Petaway.....Asheville, N. C.
Rev. M. C. Williams.....Marion, N. C.

Constitution

Article I

Sec. 1. This Association shall be known as the McDowell-Burke Missionary Baptist Association.

Sec. 2. This Association shall be composed of Missionary Baptist Churches in full fellowship and practicing the doctrine of the New Testament.

Sec. 3. The officers of this Association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Missionary and *Auditor, and they shall be elected annually. Any officer failing to give satisfaction shall be objected to holding office.

Sec. 4. No man shall be elected as an officer of this Association unless he is a member of a church belonging to this Association. Any minister or member joining a church in this Association shall have a letter from their original church.

Sec. 5. The object of this Association shall be fraternal, for mental counsel and to promote the unity of churches and also to raise money for missions and education.

Sec. 6. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, and be composed of not more than three members from each church, with a letter stating the condition of their church. The meeting shall be opened with an introductory and continue until all its business is completed.

Sec. 7. The roll shall be called at 10:15 o'clock A. M. All delegates and preachers arriving after the roll shall have been called shall pay a fine of 25 cents.

Sec. 8. All visiting ordained ministers of our faith and order, who are in good standing with their own church, corresponding delegates and visitors, will be accorded the rights of a seat to give counsel but not to vote. Voting will only be done by the appointed delegates and ordained ministers of this Association.

Sec. 9. No man shall hold an office in this Association who has two living wives.

Article II

Sec. 1. Any church of this Association that is corrupt in practice of doctrine after gospel steps have been taken to reclaim her, and still persist in her course, shall no longer be a member of this Association and it shall be published in the minutes.

Sec. 2. Any church of this Association failing to be represented shall be visited by a committee, and if she fails to attend the next year she shall be excluded.

Sec. 3. The scriptures (the word of God) shall be sufficient rule of faith, doctrine, etc., of this Association, and the tradition of men, where they have neither gospel or example in the scriptures to justify, shall be rejected.

Sec. 4. This Association shall have four annual sermons preached—Introductory, Educational, Doctrinal and Missionary—*the preachers of same to be appointed by the committee on Time, Place and Preachers.*

Article III

Sec. 1. Any new church joining this Association shall pay the amount of $2.00 for joining fee, and will be entitled to the next sitting of the Association.

Sec. 2. All money raised and sent in for Association purposes shall, after all expenses have been paid, be left with the church where meeting is held.

Sec. 3. Every church represented in this Association shall pay each brother 25 cents, and for each sister 15 cents.

Sec. 4. All delegates and ministers shall enroll with 25 cents.*

Sec. 5. The Moderator shall be paid $8.00, the Recording Secretary, $12.00; Corresponding Secretary, $2.00; *Historian, $2.00; Auditor, $2.00; *Treasurer, traveling expenses per session.

Revised at St. John Baptist Church, Uree, N. C., August 27, 1932.

*Star indicates change in the Constitution.

ENROLLMENT

Rev. M. C. Williams 25c
Rev. J. A. Lutz 25c
Rev. J. W. Walker 25c
Rev. W. M. Brown 25c
Rev. C. R. Robinson 25c
Rev. K. S. Lytle 25c
Rev. D. W. Rutherford 25c
Rev. J. H. Petaway 25c
Rev. J. E. Chambers 25c
Bro. G. W. Freeman 25c
Bro. G. W. Logan 25c
Bro. J. N. Freeman 25c
Bro. J. H. Borders 25c
Bro. G. W. T. Dorsey 25c
Bro. Lee Cooper 25c
Bro. Albert Chambers 25c
Bro. C. Lytle 25c
Sister Bernice Lytle 25c

Proceedings

Thursday Morning, August 25, 1932, Uree, N. C.

The McDowell-Burke Missionary Baptist Association met in regular annual session with the St. John Baptist church. Rev. M. C. Williams, Moderator.

Session opened at 10:30 A. M. by singing Hymn No. 123, "A Charge to Keep." Rev. Lutz, who was leading the devotional exercises, then led the opening prayer. The house was turned into the hands of the Moderator who gave the opening talk. The house was then declared open for business. The programs were read and accepted. Business being delayed until the arrival of more delegates, the time was taken up by remarks from different ministers after which the enrollment of delegates was completed. The hour having arrived for the introductory sermon, Rev. W. M. Brown took the stand. He preached a soul-stirring sermon ending up by shaking hands with everybody. The finance committee was appointed as follows: Bro. G. W. Freeman, Bro. G. W. T. Dorsey and Bro. Lee Cooper.

Collection $1.25.

Adjournment until 6:30 P. M.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Opening at 6:30 P. M. Devotional services were conducted by the Catawba View delegates. Devotional services being ended, the Moderator took charge of the house. He appointed Bro. G. W. Freeman, Bro. G. W. T. Dorsey as pulpit committee. Rev. J. L. McClure, the pastor of the residing church was introduced by the Moderator. He gave a welcome address which was responded to by Rev. J. E. Chambers. Rev. Petaway was introduced as the speaker of the hour. He took for his text the 6th Chapter of Rev., 8th verse, "I looked and behold a pale horse and the name of him that sat there on was death." He preached a stirring sermon, ending by singing, "They're Waiting for Me."

Collection $2.25.

Benediction by the speaker.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 26

Session opened at 9:30. The devotional exercises were led by the Chambers Chapel delegates. Scripture lesson was taken from the 1st Chapter of St. John. The Moderator then took charge declaring the house open for business. The minutes were read and received. The subject, "What Shall We Do To Inject New Life Into The Association?" was discussed by the body. The following officers were elected and installed: Rev. C. R. Robinson, Moderator; Rev. W. M. Brown, Vice-Moderator; Wm. Rex Freeman, Recording Secretary; Miss Gertrude Boyce, Corresponding Secretary; Bro. J. H. Borders, Treasurer; Rev. J. W. Walker, Missionary; Bro. G. W. Freeman, Historian; Bro. G. W. T. Dorsey, Auditor.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Session opened at 2:00. Devotional exercises were led by Rev. G. W. Walker, assisted by others. The services were then turned over to the Moderator after which he declared the house open for business. While the house was at leisure the Constitution was discussed.

Collection 65c.

Adjournment until 6:30 P. M.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Session opened at 6:30 by singing. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. K. S. Lytle and Rev. J. W. Walker. Scripture lesson 17th Psalm. At this time the Moderator came forward and introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. J. L. McClure. He took for his text the 1st Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Subject, "Standard of Christian Religion." Even the sinners were stirred by this great message.

Collection $4.10.

Parting remarks by Rev. M. C. Williams.

Benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 27

Services opened at 9:30 o'clock. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. W. Walker and Rev. Chambers. The services were then turned over to the Moderator who opened the house for business. A committee on Time, Place and Preacher was then appointed. They are as follows: Bro. J. H. Borders, Bro. G. W. T. Dorsey, Rev. D. W. Rutherford, Rev. J. E. Chambers and Rev. J. H. Petaway. The time having arrived for the sermon, Rev. W. M. Brown lined a hymn. Scripture lesson by Rev. J. E. Chambers, after which he sent up a heavenward petition. The speaker was introduced by the Moderator, Rev. M. C. Williams. His text was taken from Isiah 35:8. Subject, "A Highway Shall Be There." Many true souls burned while he talked.

Collection $1.28.

Adjournment for dinner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional services opened at 2:00 o'clock, led by Rev. J. W. Walker, after which the Moderator took charge and declared the house open for business. The minutes were revised and adopted. During the leisure time Rev. J. E. Chambers advised that there be a Woman's Auxiliary organized. At this time another pastor and his delegation arrived and asked to be united with the McDowell-Burke Association. While the committee on new churches were out, the discussion of the Woman's Auxiliary continued. It was moved that the Woman's Auxiliary meet with the next annual session. At this time the committee on new churches came forward and the letter from the Rock Spring Baptist church of Mooresboro, N. C., was received and united into the Association. It was moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint the Executive and Ordaining Board.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. C. R. Robinson
Rev. W. M. Brown
Rev. M. C. Williams
Bro. G. W. T. Dorsey
Bro. Albert Chambers
Bro. R. H. Hamilton
Bro. G. W. Freeman
Bro. J. H. Borders
Bro. James McDuffie

He also appointed the Ordaining Counsel.

ORDAINING COUNSEL

Rev. C. R. Robinson
Rev. M. C. Williams
Rev. W. M. Brown
Rev. D. W. Rutherford
Rev. G. M. Fuller
Bro. G. W. T. Dorsey
Bro. Albert Chambers
Bro. G. W. Freeman

The Moderator also appointed Rev. W. M. Brown, Bro. G. W. Freeman and Bro. G. W. T. Dorsey to conduct the memorial services Sunday morning.

Adjournment until 8:00 o'clock.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Session opened at 8:00 o'clock by singing. Devotional exercise led by Rev. J. W. Walker and Miss Bernice Lytle, after which the Moderator took charge. After a few remarks the speaker was introduced, Rev. D. W. Rutherford. His text was taken from St. John 1:4, "In His Was Life; and the Life Was the Light of Men." Subject: "Christ the Life of Men." From this text and subject he preached a wonderful sermon.

Collection $4.25.

Benediction by the speaker.

SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 28

The Sunday school and mass meeting was opened by singing "Love Lifted Me." Lesson taught by the pastor, Rev. J. L. McClure. Lesson subject: "Gifts for Building the Tabernacle", Ex. 35:17-29. Lesson text: "Honor the Lord With Thy Substances and With the First Fruits of Thine Increase." Prov. 3:9. Sunday school offering, 85c; Missionary offering, 68c. Recess for 10 minutes. After recess the session opened by singing a hymn, "Father I Stretch My Hands to Thee." Scripture was read by Rev. J. L. McClure. After which the speaker was introduced. Rev. C. R. Robinson, the Moderator, took his text from Ex. 3:1-5. Subject: "An

Important Call." From this subject he preached a soul-searching sermon.

Collection $15.00.

Adjournment for dinner.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Services opened at 2:30 o'clock by singing, "Glory To His Name." Rev. J. W. Walker lined hymn No. 487, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say." Scripture by Rev. J. L. McClure. The Moderator came forth and introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. J. E. Chambers, "the Tennessee Lion." His text was found in Acts 1:11. Subject: "The Second Coming of Christ." From this subject and text he preached a sermon long to be remembered.

Collection $5.00.

Collection for aged ministers $1.00.

Benediction by the speaker.

SUNDAY NIGHT

Rev. J. W. Walker opened the devotional exercises by singing "Glory to His Name." The scripture lesson was found in Eph. 4:1-34. Rev. J. L. McClure introduced the speaker, Rev. C. R. Robinson. He announced his subject, "A Strict Charge to the Church," taken from Eph. 15: Text, "Be Ye Therefore Followers of God as Dear Children," Eph. 4:1. He preached an excellent sermon.

Collection $2.05.

There were some remarks of thanks from the remaining delegates.

Benediction by Father Brown.

Honor Roll, Friday, August 26

Bro. G. W. T. Dorsey	$ .25
Bro. G. W. Freeman	.25
Bro. J. N. Freeman	.25
Bro. Ralph Whiteside	.25
Sister Erline Logan	.25
Bro. R. H. Hamilton	.25

Honor Roll, Saturday, August 27

Bro. J. N. Freeman	$ .50
Rev. L. F. Logan	.25
Bro. G. W. T. Dorsey	.25
Bro. G. W. Freeman	.25

Honor Roll, Sunday Morning, August 28

Bro. Cleo Waters	$ .25
Bro. C. E. Avery	.25
Bro. Frank Payne	.25
Rev. J. L. McClure	.25
Bro. G. W. Freeman	.25
Bro. Henry Logan	.25
Bro. Ed Waters	.25
Bro. Boise Whiteside	.25
Sister Ivery Avery	.25
Bro. G. W. Logan	2.45
Sister Blanch Freeman	.25
Sister Mattie Logan	.25
Bro. A. C. Whiteside	.25
Bro. George Deck	.25
Bro. John Whiteside	.25
Sister Leora Keeton	.50
Bro. Sherman Logan	.25
Sister Ella Freeman	.25

Honor Roll, Sunday Afternoon, August 28

Bro. Cleo Waters	$ .25
Bro. G. W. T. Dorsey	.25
Bro. G. W. Freeman	.25
Bro. Bois Whiteside	.25
Sister Cora Rutherford	.25
Bro. G. W. Logan	.25
Bro. G. L. Logan	.25
Bro. Lenn Carson	.25

STATISTICAL REPORT

Second Broad Church

Forest City, N. C., August, 1932

To McDowell-Burke Missionary Baptist Association:

Greetings: We, the Second Broad Church, do wish to unite with the McDowell-Burke Missionary Baptist Association. We send Bro. R. H. Hamilton to sit with you in council.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Representation $2.00

SISTER SARAH M. HAMILTON, Clerk
Morganton, N. C.

Rev. Lutz reported in person on his church at Morganton. He explained the condition of his work and asked for aid from the Association. It was considered favorably. He also presented a representing fee of $1.50.

St. Luke Church

Bridgewater, N. C., August, 1932

To McDowell-Burke Missionary Baptist Association:

Greetings: We, the St. Luke Church, do send Rev. M. C. Williams to sit with you in council.

Membership, total 12

Financial Statistics

Representation ..... $ 1.00
Value of church property 400.00

Pastor, Rev. M. C. Williams.

Clerk, Sister Addie Hynphel.

Rock Springs Church

Mooresboro, N. C., August 27, 1932

To McDowell-Burke Missionary Baptist Association:

Greetings: We, the Rock Spring Church, do wish to unite with the McDowell-Burke Missionary Baptist Association. We send Bro. Melvin and Bro. James McDuffie to sit with you in council.

Membership—Baptist 3
Total 18

Financial Statistics

Representation $2.00

Pastor, Rev. G. M. Fuller.

Clerk, Sister G. R. Fuller.

Chambers Chapel Church

Glen Alpine, N. C., August 23, 1932

To McDowell-Burke Missionary Baptist Association:

Greetings: We, the Chambers Chapel Church, do send Bro. Albert Chambers to sit with you in council.

Membership, total 14

Financial Statistics

Representation	$ 2.45
Value of church property	3,500.00

Pastor, Rev. J. H. Petaway.
Clerk, Sister Verla Garrison.

Mt. Moriah Church

Marion, N. C., August 24, 1932

To McDowell-Burke Missionary Baptist Association:

Greetings: We, the Mt. Moriah Church, send Bro. Lee Cooper and Bro. J. H. Borders to sit with you in council.

Membership

Total	55
Baptist	6
Excluded	19
Deceased	1

Financial Statistics

Representation	$ 6.60
Pastor's Salary	250.00
Value of Church property	3,500.00

Pastor, Rev. C. R. Robinson.
Clerk, Bro. Lee Cooper.

Catawba View Church

Old Fort, N. C., August 24, 1932

To McDowell-Burke Missionary Baptist Association:

Greetings: We, the Catawba View Church, do send Bro. G. W. T. Dorsey, Bro. L. Claud Lytle and Sister Bernice Lytle to sit with you in council.

Membership

Baptized	4
Deceased	2
Restored	3

Financial Statistics

Representation	$ 4.00
Pastor's Salary	162.00
Charitable Donations	4.00
Church Expenses	32.65
Value of church property	4,000.00

Pastor, Rev. J. S. Richie.

Clerk, Bro. Herbert Lytle.

St. John's Church

Uree, N. C., August, 1932

To McDowell-Burke Missionary Baptist Association:

Greetings: We, the St. John's Church, welcome the delegates of the Association. We wish to report through our delegates, Bro. G. W. Freeman, Bro. G. W. Logan and Bro. J. N. Freeman, the church to be in good standing.

Membership

Total	60

Financial Statistics

Representation	$ 6.55
Foreign Missions	65.00
Home Missions	56.00
Pastor's Salary	130.00
Visiting Ministers	25.35
Value of church property	9,000.00

Pastor, Rev. J. L. McClure.

Clerk, Bro. J. N. Freeman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

CONSTITUTION

We, your committee on Constitution, recommend that Article 1, Section 1-2 stand approved. Also Section 3 stand approved and in the last clause insert (Auditor). Article 2. All sections stand approved. Article 3, Section 4, let it read: All delegates and ministers enroll with 25 cents and let the present reading be changed in Section 4. Article 3, Section 5, we recommend that we add the Auditor $2.00 and the His-

torian, $2.00. Revised at St. John, Uree, N. C., August 27, 1932.

Committee:

BRO. G. W. FREEMAN BRO. ALBERT CHAMBERS
BRO. G. W. T. DORSEY REV. J. E. CHAMBERS
BRO. J. H. BORDERS REV. M. C. WILLIAMS
REV. D. W. RUTHERFORD

PLACE, TIME AND PREACHERS

We, your committee on Place, Time and Preachers, beg leave to make the following report: We recommend the next annual session of the Association will be held with the Rock Spring Baptist church; we also recommend that Rev. W. M. Brown preach the Introductory sermon, Rev. M. C. Williams alternate. Rev. D. W. Rutherford preach the Doctrinal sermon. Rev. J. H. Petaway alternate. Rev. J. E. Chambers preach the Educational sermon, Rev. J. W. Walter alternate. Rev. G. M. Fuller preach the Missionary sermon, Rev. C. R. Robinson alternate.

Committee:

BRO. G. W. T. DORSEY BRO. G. W. FREEMAN
BRO. J. H. BORDERS

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, beg to make the following report: That we should be moderate users of things that are good and absolute abstainers of all evil, such as strong drink.

Committee:

BRO. L. CLAUD LYTLE SISTER GERTUDE BOYCE
BRO. J. N. FREEMAN SISTER BERNICE LYTLE

EDUCATION

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to make the following report: Realizing the need of education among our people, we do urge that our ministers of our various churches in our various fields of labor, do urge upon our people to strive for better education. We also recommend Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.

Committee:

REV. J. E. CHAMBERS REV. J. L. McCLURE
REV. J. H. PETAWAY REV. D. W. RUTHERFORD
BRO. J. H. BORDERS

GRIEVANCE

We, your committee on Grievance, beg to make the following report: The long standing grievance of the Association concerning the Rev. D. W. Rutherford leaving the Association two years ago. He has returned and has given satisfaction to the body. Therefore, we recommend, in order that the various churches and brothers may know that he is in full fellowship with the Association, that this be published in the minutes

Committee:

BRO. G. W. FREEMAN BRO. G. W. T. DORSEY
BRO. J. H. BORDERS

NEW CHURCHES

We, your committee on New Churches, beg to make the following report: To receive St. Luke Baptist Church back to the Association in full fellowship with reinstating fees of $1.00. We also desire to unite Second Broad Baptist Church to our Association with the representing fee of $2.00.

Committee:

REV. W. M. BROWN BRO. G. W. T. DORSEY
REV. K. S. YLTLE

Correction of a mistake of the Minute of the Association that was held at St. John, Uree, N. C., 1928: Unintentionally the representing of Chambers Chapel, New Vernon and Pleasant View was left out. Pleasant View, Ashford, N. C., represented with $2.75 by their pastor, Rev. D. W. Rutherford and this certifies that it was paid in at that time.

Committee:

BRO. G. W. FREEMAN
BRO. G. W. T. DORSEY